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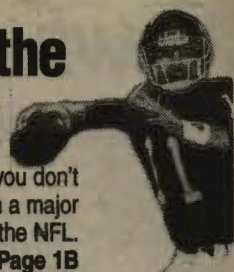
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Jammin' with Mom and Dad

Family weekend concert to play
tunes that will take parents back
to their college years.

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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

Family Weekend Edition

Students hope for generosity from parents

Family Weekend
means more
than a concert,
football game

By Geneva White
Campus editor

When it comes to Family Weekend, students are looking forward to more than just attending a football game and concert with their parents.

"Shopping and food — that's what I look forward to," said Marty Haden, a senior athletic training major.

Most students said they hope their parents will be generous when they visit this weekend.

"I have no money," said Alan Bodam, a sophomore history major. "I need money."

Bodam, a freshman marketing major, said he is excited about "having (my parents) give me money and go shopping for me. I don't have a lot of money."

Lou Hencken, vice president for student affairs, said it is not uncommon for students to solicit funds

from their parents or take them for a snack run to Wilb Walker's during Family Weekend.

"It's amazing when I go shopping on a Sunday (during Family Weekend) the number of students standing in line with their parents buying little things for them," he said. "I think if Mom and Dad offer a few dollars, the students will take it."

For other students, however, Family Weekend is not about anything material.

More inside

Full Family Weekend coverage from a calendar of events to all you need to know.

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mama's boy."

Michael Marshall, a freshman civil engineering major, said he plans to clean his room before his family arrives.

"It's pretty bad," he said.

Marshall said he is anxious to see his younger brother and show him around campus.

"Me and him are pretty tight,"

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Keeping campus clean



Krista Heth / Staff photographer

Jamie White, a senior marketing major, picks up litter Wednesday afternoon outside of Coleman Hall. Over 300 students volunteered at the second annual "Eastern's Time to Shine" campus cleanup. Parents will flood the Spic 'n' Span campus for Family Weekend.

300 people, Recognized Student Organizations dispose of the garbage littering Eastern

By Shauna Gustafson
Staff writer

More than 300 people scrambled across Eastern in an effort to clean up the campus before the expected 1,500 family members pay a visit.

The second annual "Eastern's Time to Shine" brought together members of more than 35 Recognized Student Organizations who volunteered their time to show parents that Eastern is a clean campus.

"I think it is important to be here because it leaves a good impression on parents who are sometimes worried about their kids going away to school," said Angie Jones, Alpha Sigma Alpha member and freshman psychology major.

For some students, keeping campus clean is a matter of pride.

"This is our campus. We should want to keep our campus clean because we live here," said Louisiana Cannon, Zeta Phi Beta member and English major.

The second annual "Eastern's Time to Shine" was organized by Jim Pitrak, president of Eastern's chapter of the American Marketing Association. The event was staffed by additional members of the American Marketing Association.

Pitrak said 314 student volunteers' names were confirmed, but it is possible more arrived to help unannounced.

Pitrak said he hopes to clean up the entire campus.

"We are hoping to clean the main stretch of campus, along with Carman, Stevenson (and) Douglas (halls), all the way to the football stadium," Pitrak said. "We want to get all the cigarette butts; everything."

Sid Dudley, American Marketing Association faculty adviser, said the event was more difficult to organize this year.

"(Time to Shine was) really hard to organize this year because it was so early," Dudley said.

Linda Horwitz, Sigma Kappa member and freshman speech communication major, said the event was a positive influence for other students.

"It is a good influence for the rest of the students to do the same thing," Horwitz said. "It is important to keep the campus clean."

Students want dining options

By Jason Maholy
Staff writer

Stale bread, not enough toasters, lack of variety were a few of the complaints students expressed at Panther Dining Services Monday night in the Taylor Hall.

Judy Horn, director of dining services, and Anne Sidwell, associate director of dining services, along with the residence hall dining directors, were present to listen to concerns, ideas or requests students had regarding the food served in the campus.

Students said they were understanding of the fact Panther Dining provides a service of almost 21,000 meals per week and is limited in what it can do, but they did give opinions on how the quality of Panther Dining could be improved

with a few small changes.

One thing students said they are unhappy about is the changes made at Stevenson Hall this year. Among the complaints were stale bread in the deli line and the absence of the salad bar and grill that many students enjoyed last year.

"We miss the chicken sandwiches," said Lisa Ogle, a sophomore English major.

Jason Shahan, a senior biology major, said what he sees missing from Stevenson are more nutritional options — especially for breakfast.

"I like nutrition, and in the morning there's nothing more than bread and cereal," Shahan said. "I just don't feel good about that."

Kelly Schadt, a sophomore speech communications major, said

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Parents

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he said. "He looks up to me and wants to see what college is like."

Katie Barnes, a freshman French major, said she is excited because a friend from home is accompanying her parents and sister to campus for Family Weekend.

"I'm excited to be with my family because I haven't seen them in a couple of weeks," Barnes said. "I think it could be a lot of fun."

Barnes said many students are embarrassed about Family Weekend - particularly when their parents want to go play BINGO.

"I'm not going to be embarrassed like everybody else," she said. "My parents are cool."

Joe Kosek, a freshman computer

science major, said he does not want his parents to stay forever.

"It will be good to see them again," he said. "Just as long as they don't stay too long so I can get back into the college swing."

For some students who are over 21, the weekend will entail taking their parents for a night on the town.

"It's exciting because we like taking our parents out when they come down here," said Katie Doehner, a junior speech pathology major, who plans on taking her parents to Ike's.

While some students say Family Weekend is a freshman event, others say the weekend is for everybody.

"It's for everybody," Benson said. "Everybody misses their family at some point during the college experience."

Lueken said juniors and seniors can enjoy Family Weekend just as much as freshmen.

"I think it's a senior thing too," he said. "It's a great way for students to show their appreciation because parents are the ones sometimes providing education."

Not every student is going to see his or her parents this weekend.

"I've been here too long," said Brian Robey, a senior marketing major. "My family gave up on coming down here. They used to come down when I was a freshman and sophomore."

Maggie VanBergen, a senior speech communication major, said she plans to spend her last Family Weekend with her parents, brother, sister-in-law and nieces.

"It's my last one, so I want to have fun with them - maybe take my brother out to the bars,"

VanBergen said.

Shirley Stewart, associate president for student affairs, said Family Weekend offers something for everybody.

"I still hear comments from students that they're delighted to see brothers, sisters or even parents, aunts and uncles participate in the activities," she said. "I think it's always good to see family and spend time with them. I don't think you ever get over that."

Although most students are looking forward to seeing their relatives during Family Weekend, student said he would be excited if another family member was visiting.

"If my dog was coming, it would be different," said Sandbothe, a freshman business major. "I miss my dog."

High commodity

Erin Caraway, a senior psychology major, talks with Dona Watkins of Southern Illinois Counseling Centers, Inc. Thursday afternoon at the job fair in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. More than 150 companies attended the job fair scouting students from every major Eastern offers. A shuttle bus picked students up around campus between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to take them to the job fair.

Mandy Marshall /
Photo editor



Dining

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she too would like to see food of better nutritional quality at Taylor.

"I want to see cold salads, pasta salads and hot vegetables," Schad said. "Pemberton has those things and I think we should too."

Another thing students would like to see is a little more variety in their choice of entrées. Most students agreed they get tired of eat-

ing the same things day after day.

Jeremy Ruppel, a sophomore business education and computer management major, said he doesn't have time to walk to Stevenson or Carman for something different so he winds up eating chicken, pizza or pasta every day.

He suggested a rotating menu in which chicken could be served at Taylor one day and somewhere else the next.

Horn said it is impossible to offer several different things at each place every day because

Panther Dining simply cannot afford it.

"We try not to do things that we think are unreasonable," Horn said. "The production that goes into the food is a lot more than people realize."

She also explained how the changes made this year are part of the planning process for the new food court slated to open January 2001.

"When the food court comes it's really going to affect what we do in the residence halls," Horn

said.

"We want to get the students used to having carry-out at Stevenson and chicken at Taylor."

Horn said she was pleased with the turnout and was thankful students showed up to express their concerns.

"I really like to hear directly from the students," she said.

"It gives us the opportunity to explain to them a lot of the decisions we make that they may not understand."

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Businesses prepare for 'busiest weekend of year'

By Matt Neistein
City editor

Families visiting Eastern this weekend will find places to stay and places to eat, and area businesses are expecting to be "packed" in the town of one restaurant manager.

"We always put extra (staff) on," said Tana Mejdrich, assistant manager at Cody's Road in Mattoon. "It's probably going to be the busiest weekend of the year," said Mejdrich, owner of E.L. Kracker's in Mattoon.

Other business managers agree. Kara Smith, front desk manager at Best Western Worthington Inn in Charleston, and Farris, assistant manager at the Hampton Inn in Mattoon, said Family Weekend brings more business than any other.

What's Cookin' in Charleston has busier business this weekend is nothing to be bragged about, said Michelle Stengel, shift supervisor. "It's right up there (with the busiest weekend)," she said.

Some businesses have to adjust to handle the influx of customers. "We use our entire staff," Mejdrich said.

Kracker's also stops taking reservations for Family Weekend the only time of the year they do reserve tables because the table turnover can be quicker without them.

"First come, first serve," Mejdrich said. However, waiting times are not excessive; he estimated the longest wait will be 45 minutes.

In addition, Kracker's will open earlier on Friday night and feature a prime rib buffet in the banquet hall, and will serve a brunch on Saturday.

Easter said the table turnover at Cody's is actually slower because of the nature of the weekend.

"More people are out enjoying themselves, and so they sit at the tables longer," she said.

The staff of What's Cookin' in Charleston has been preparing for the weekend to improve service, Stengel said.

"We're hoping it's going to be faster," she said. "We've been planning for a while."

Part of this planning involves taking reservations at the door and putting them on a waiting list.

The Hampton Inn, like most other hotels from Charleston to Arcola, has been booked for a long time.

"We've been sold out for a year," Farris said. "We have lots of families."

Smith said this weekend tops the weekends of the girls and boys state high school track meets held at Eastern.

"You can't even drive down Lincoln Avenue during (Family Weekends)," she said. "It's a fun town to be in."

The Worthington Inn had problems last January when it began taking reservations for this weekend and its computer crashed, erasing all the reservation information.

The hotel has been running advertisements in the *Daily Eastern News* asking people to confirm their reservations.

"We've retrieved almost all of them," she said.

Rooms will be held until 7 p.m. Friday for the few unconfirmed reservations; after that, they will be considered available.

"I have a feeling there will be problems this weekend," she said. "It's going to be really hectic."



Mandy Marshall / Photo editor

Shirley Jordan, special events coordinator and sales manager for the Best Western Worthington Inn, gets things ready for the Family Weekend Rush. Jordan said the Best Western has been booked up for this weekend since January 22nd.

50 tickets left for weekend concert; UB broke even on cost

Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

Of the 4,000 tickets available for Family Weekend concert, about 3,500 tickets were left as of Thursday.

Backin' to the New Mattoon Saturday will feature performances by Gary Puckett, The Grass Roots and The Turtles.

The concert will begin at 8:30

p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium with Gary Puckett. The Grass Roots will perform at 9:30 p.m. and the main act, The Turtles, are scheduled to go on at 10:30 p.m.

Tickets are still \$15 and can be purchased in the Business Operating Office in Room 200 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union until Saturday. Tickets also can be purchased at

Check Cashing in the University Union from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and then again at the door before the concert.

The majority of tickets have been sold through the mail orders, but in the last week, several of tickets were purchased through phone orders, said Cathy Engelkes, assistant director of the University Union.

"I think that the bands are excit-

ed about coming to town and everyone that I have talked to has also been very excited," said Ceci Brinker, acting director of student life.

Both of the opening acts are scheduled to perform for 45 minutes and The Turtles will play for about an hour.

Brinker said there is no reason why The Turtles are the main act. "The key is that they are all good

performers and will offer a little bit of something for everyone," Brinker said.

All three acts, in their own right, have had some big hits, Brinker said. Between 1965 and 1970, they even had hits that made the top 20 charts.

Engelkes said she anticipates the show will sell out, since tickets have been selling at a steady rate.



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Bus needs accountability

The Student Senate Wednesday failed to pass a resolution that would require the shuttle bus committee committee to report to the full senate when making any changes in the operation of Panther Express.

Senate members need to recognize that they are the only measure of accountability the shuttle bus committee has and when spending students' fees they need to be actively involved in any decisions that are made regarding its operation.

The shuttle bus committee was established by the Student Senate so it should be responsible for considering and approving any changes made to the bus.

Shuttle bus coordinator Jeremy Ruppel said he doesn't think the shuttle bus committee should report to the senate, but Ruppel and other shuttle bus committee members spend students' money to operate the bus and somebody needs to be accountable for how the money is spent.

Also, Student Senate members are elected by students to represent their interests. Shuttle bus committee members are not elected by students and do not have the responsibility of senate members who have to answer to their constituents.

Panther Express is not an initiative that has received a lot of positive feedback from the campus community, and because senate members have a more direct role with students, they are the people that best understand students concerns and should ultimately have the final say regarding the shuttle bus. Having the senate actively involved with the shuttle bus will help ensure the decisions made regarding the bus will benefit students.

Because the Student Senate originally created the shuttle bus initiative and held the referendum responsible for the increase in fees to fund the shuttle bus, it needs to play a major role in the continued development of the bus.

The senate is the reason we have a shuttle bus on campus, and by brushing off the responsibility that comes along with the bus, senate members are brushing off their responsibility to represent the students' interests and concerns.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

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Today's quote

Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays instead of serving you if he sacrifices it to your opinion.

Edmund Burke
British statesman and orator, 1729-1797

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More time in bars won't change things

The City Council postponed passing the extended bar hour legislation Tuesday and I think they're nervous — and they should be.

The city is reluctant about whether extending bar hours will actually help stop alcohol-related crime, such as bar fights and after hour parties with noise violations. Well, it won't, and the city should be hesitant to pass the ordinance.

An extra hour at Mother's will not prevent the idiot students who abuse alcohol to the point they end up throwing punches because, "Hey, you took my stool," and the ordinance won't prevent students from throwing after-bar parties.

Council members are hoping a bar hour extension from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday will show a decline in criminal activity, which sounds well and good, but it will only postpone "criminal activity" for an hour.

If passed, the extended bar hours would only be a test for about six months so council members can gage the statistics and number crunch on whether our students have been hitting each other more or throwing fewer wild parties.

If passed, I expect the test will fail. Mayor Dan Coughlin said at the last council meeting, "If (alcohol-related crime) doesn't decline, or if there isn't an increased rate of decline ... we will terminate this program in a heartbeat."

It shall be the quickest heartbeat of his life, and I will explain why. Last weekend, I went to a party on Friday night and followed up that visit with a night to Stix. I stayed at Stix until 1 a.m., and then went back to the party which lasted until about 4 a.m.

This presents the first problem. Parties are a place for underage students to hang out and they don't stop at 1 a.m. or 2 a.m., so in many cases an after-hours party is always going on, regardless.

On Saturday night, after tailgating of course, I went to a friend's party for a little and then back to Stix, where I stayed until 1 a.m. Following Stix, I headed back to the original party, but was interrupted by a lost girl crying hysterically.

After getting that girl home it was after 2 a.m. I then headed to a different after-hours party that I had heard of and stayed



Dan Ochwat
Verge editor

"An extra hour at Mom's will not prevent the idiot students who abuse alcohol to the point they end up throwing punches ..."

then from 2 a.m. until 4 a.m., they will herd around the keg.

I personally don't get into fights, so I can't relate to what I would be throwing bottles of beer at 2 a.m. rather 1 a.m. However, I do suspect that if an angry drunk is given an extra hour to think about fighting someone, he won't use that hour to cool down. He will drink more and get more pissed off.

It is no love lost for me though, let the drunks beat up each other — that's not criminal. It's criminal to break up the fight. I joke about that only to stress responsibility.

If students are really inclined to support the extra bar then they better be responsible. Be responsible, and don't get drunk. Why would you want to walk around the next day with a black eye and have everyone staring at you? If you want to have an after-hours party, turn the music down and try not to be drunk. It isn't criminal to have a party.

I admire the City Council for trying to work with the students, especially the Student Senate, and solve a problem in campuswide alcohol abuse. I also admire the Student Senate for trying to talk to students about drinking because that is a very difficult task.

An alcohol problem definitely exists on Eastern's campus but I don't think opening the bars for an extra hour is the solution. And the solution is definitely not lowering the bar age to 19 so all you freshmen and sophomores can stop lobbying for that.

Stay out as long as you want and go to as many parties as you want. The only solution is to be responsible when you drink. This ordinance is obviously a cry for help.

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Bonnie Panther doesn't belong on the field

In response to Katie Dwyer, who felt women got the short end of the stick by retiring Bonnie, I think you need to get your eyes checked. Did you actually take a good look at the hippopotamus the university was trying to pass off as a female Panther? It was embarrassing to have her on the field.

I feel the decision was made in the best interest of the female population. I think that until the school can afford (which will be never) to replace the costume with a respectable female Panther, we will have to put up with just Billy. Darn, he actually showed up to all of the school-spirited events.

Brian Dombrowski
sophomore speech communication major

Your turn

Letters to the editor

East Timor situation should be easy to fix

The United States is portrayed in the media as merely an innocent bystander in the recent elections in East Timor, in which close to 80 percent of the people voted for independence from Indonesia. This portrayal is not accurate.

President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger were in Jakarta the day before the Indonesian invasion of East Timor Dec. 7, 1945, and gave the green light for the invasion. U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, blocked implementation of all U.N. resolutions against the invasion. U.S. military aid and training of

Indonesian soldiers increased following the invasion. The fighter jets and helicopter gunships, which bombed and strafed East Timorese fleeing to the mountains, came from the United States. At the height of the atrocities in 1978, when an estimated 200,000 East Timorese had been killed out of a population of 600,000, coverage of the genocide in the U.S. media dropped to zero. Now, over 20 years later, when Indonesian death squads are again rampaging through East Timor, another media whitewash of the U.S. role is in progress.

All that would be required to end these terrible atrocities in East Timor would be a stern lecture by the president, the United States. The IMF cannot get its austerity program implemented in Indonesia. Call your representative to President Clinton.

Gary Sedberry
Bellevue

Food, entertainment planned for Family Weekend

1,500 families expected to invade campus

By Elizabeth O'Riley
Activities editor

Three days of activities have been planned to go with the food and entertainment scheduled for the University Union's Family Weekend.

Stacy Stewart, associate vice president for student affairs, said she expects a good turnout this year.

Families enjoyed the activities so much last year, that the same activities are being offered, Stewart said.

Color video buttons and the color video buttons were among the popular activities last year. Families were getting their pictures taken so that they could wear the buttons for the rest of the weekend, Stewart said.

The weekend activities begin today from 4 to 8 p.m. with color video buttons made in the Alumni Lounge on the second floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The photos for the buttons are taken and then printed later the button is completed, Stewart said. The cost for each button is \$3.

From 7 to 10 p.m. face painting and children's games will be on the first floor of the east wing of the University Union.

Color video for the entire family is tonight from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the University Union. This event is free and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Snacks and sodas will be provided.

The Student Recreation Center is having an open house from 4 to 10 p.m. today. The open house is open to all students and their families.

On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m.

color video buttons can be made and purchased in the Walkway Lounge of the University Union.

Face painting is from 9 a.m. to noon outside of the University Union, under the bridge.

Saturday at 1:30 p.m. is kickoff for Eastern's football game against Tennessee-Martin at O'Brien Stadium. The marching band, Pink Panthers and Flag Corps will be performing at the game.

Tickets for the football game can be purchased today until noon in Room 200 of the Union and Saturday at the gates of O'Brien Stadium. Tickets are free for students, \$9 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for children.

The Student Recreation Center will have another open house Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families can join in on a doubles table tennis tournament before, during and after the football game.

For more details, stop by the Student Recreation Center.

Saturday in Lantz Gymnasium, Gary Puckett will begin performing at 8:30 p.m. The Grass Roots will follow at 9:30 p.m. and the main act, The Turtles will perform at 10:30.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 and still are available in Room 200 of the University Union today, and Saturday at Check Cashing in the Union. Tickets to the concert also will be available at the door.

Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon is the last chance for families to get their pictures taken for color video buttons.

Stewart anticipates about 1,500 families to attend Family Weekend this year.

She said families have always been pleased with the weekend in the past and anticipates this year will have the same turnout.

At a glance

Friday

■ All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner

When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: Rathskeller Restaurant of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union
How much: \$6.25 for adults and \$3.25 for children 6-10. Children five and under eat free.

Saturday

■ Continental Breakfast

When: 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Bookstore Lounge of the University Union

How much: free

■ Deli Box Lunches

When: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Rathskeller Restaurant of the University Union

How much: \$5.25 per person

■ Family Weekend Buffet

When: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Ballroom/University Ballroom University Union

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Sunday

■ Family Weekend Brunch

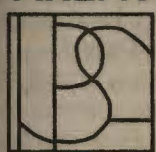
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Where: Grand Ballroom/University Ballroom of the University Union

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Parents Club to award 20 \$850 scholarships

By Melanie Schneider
Administration editor

Eastern's Parents Club will present 20 students with \$850 scholarships each at the Family Weekend concert Saturday.

The students were chosen by a scholarship committee comprised of five sets of parents that are selected each year, said Thalia Wetzel, recording secretary for the Parents Club.

The scholarship is available to all Eastern undergraduate students and selection of recipients is based on academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

The scholarship was established in 1985, and that year the club awarded only one scholarship of \$500. As contributions to the

Parents Club grew, the number of scholarships and award amounts also have grown. Since its establishment, the club has awarded more than \$142,500 in scholarships to 172 students, Wetzel said.

"This is one of the largest scholarships or awards given at the university," Wetzel said. "We usually get 50 to 90 applications each year and we almost always give 20 scholarships away."

Senior recipients of the award include: Shelby Bivens, an early childhood education major from St Joseph; Marlaina Easton, an English major from Hanover Park; Angela McQueen, a math major from Marshall; and Janah Sudduth, a special education and elementary education major from Paris.

Junior recipients include: Jerome

Graham, a speech communication major from Country Club Hills; Jennifer Miller, a biological sciences major from Elgin; Michele Reynolds, a communication disorders major from Tinley Park; Erin Roach, a psychology major from Palatine; Laura Wolff, a speech communication major from Collinsville; and Stacey Wolf, a early childhood and elementary education major from Fenton, Mo.

Wolff said she was very honored to receive the award.

"It's a big honor to receive it because the scholarship is open to all Eastern students and \$850 is a very large scholarship," Wolff said. "The winners also get some free perks. Each student gets three free tickets to the Family Weekend concert, and we get to sit up front."

Sophomore scholarship winners include: Patricia Mapes, an accounting major from Fox Lake; Kerri Mauger, an elementary education major from Elmhurst; Angelina Reincke, a business management major from Lake Zurich; Maureen Roth, a speech communication major from New Baden; Andrew Schwartz, a math major with teacher's certification from Quincy; and Karmen Tolliver, a consumer affairs major from East St. Louis.

Schwartz, the oldest of six in his family, said without the help of scholarships like this one, he could not attend Eastern.

"I come from a large family, and I need the scholarships to pay for tuition and my cost of living," he said. "I apply for several scholarships a semester."

Freshmen recipients include: Kathleen Cox, a political science major from Lovington; Angela Doss, a math and business major from Hillsboro; Kelli Panici, a elementary education major from Bourbonnais; and Marisa Peck, an economics major from Rockford.

Kathleen Cox said she completely pays for her tuition with scholarships. She received a \$1,000 honor department scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship from Opatco Telephone company and private academic scholarships from her high school.

Eastern President Carol Smith and Louis Hencken, vice president for student affairs, will personally congratulate the students Friday during a wine and cheese reception for students, parents and their guests.

Golf outing to help Special Olympians

By Jason Maholy
Staff writer

A nine-hole charity golf tournament benefiting the Special Olympics will be held Saturday at the Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon.

The Epsilon Omega chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, will host the event.

For \$30, players get to compete in a four-person scramble between 3 and 6 p.m., after which a dinner will be served to all participants.

Prizes from several local businesses, including What's Cookin', Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co., Dale Bayles and the University Village, will be raffled.

Those wishing to participate can register the day of the event or in advance by sending checks made payable to: Delta Sigma Pi and sent to Craig Harszy, 165 Thomas Hall.

Team members' names and a phone number should be included. For any further questions, contact Harszy at 581-2189.

CAA changes incomplete grade policy

By Erin Vanderbilt
Staff writer

The Council on Academic Affairs Thursday approved changes to the policy on incomplete grades and discussed the general education mission statement.

James Johnson, dean of the college of arts and humanities, submitted the proposal to revise the incomplete grade policy in order to eliminate miscommunication between faculty and students.

The revised policy states an incomplete grade must be completed by the last class of the day in the semester following the semester it was issued.

This was a change from the previous policy that stated incomplete

classes were to be completed five instructional days prior to the close of the semester after the incomplete was issued.

In order to help both students and faculty work toward the completion of incomplete classes, a clause has been added to the policy stating students need to complete a waiver form in order to prolong the incomplete work after the initial semester started.

Instructors are now required to submit a grade for incomplete work three days prior to the end of the semester instead of the last day of the semester.

Johnson said that this change was made to allow the records office adequate time to process the new grade.

The wording in the mission statement for general education was the

topic of debate at the meeting.

The purpose of general education reflected in the mission statement is to spark lifelong "mindful" learning in Eastern students, said Faculty Senate Chair Bonnie Irwin.

Irwin also expressed the need for Eastern students to have a global perspective resulting from their studies and carrying into their lives after Eastern.

Debate arose on how big a role global issues should play in the curriculum and whether global issues should preclude civic or natural studies.

The focus of the discussion was to serve CAA members as they would revise the general education curriculum and prepare a catalog statement for integrated core.

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Sunday 8am-10pm



RHA to host Five mile house to be sold

By Kaycee Connell
Staff writer

Dance Hall Association members Thursday discussed bringing the Kelly Jay Orchestra band and attending the CHUR conference this semester.

The Kelly Jay Orchestra is a piece swing band based in Chicago. They will perform from 8 p.m. until midnight, in concert Oct. 9 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from. This event is sponsored by Coffee Talk, a bar and coffee group sponsored by CHUR.

Free swing lessons will be given from 8 to 9 p.m.

"Hopefully we will get lots of people to attend," said Lisa Ogle, Coffee Talk committee chair. "I am excited that a real swing band is coming to EIU."

Admission is \$4 and tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. For further information, contact Ogle at 581-2359 or loogle@pen.eiu.edu.

RHA representatives will be working with other representatives with other colleges at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh at a conference Nov. 5 to 7. Those attending will view presentations on how to create programs for their residence halls.

The group attending from Argentina has been assigned to sponsor Argentina at the conference. They will be making a banner for Argentina and marching in a parade to sponsor the country.

"This will help us relate to other universities," said Terrell Thompson, national communications coordinator.

By Matt Neistein
City editor

Coles County's oldest building will be sold to a non-profit foundation at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Five Mile House, a 163-year-old former inn and stagecoach stop, will be sold to the Five Mile House Foundation, a 26-member committee formed in 1998 by Lawrence W. and Ceolta Bates of Charleston, according to a press release.

The house, located at Illinois state Route 130 and Westfield-Hutton Road, was bought a year ago by the Mrs. Bates for \$50,000 from a private owner to save the site from commercial interests, according to the press release. They gave a group of "interested citizens" a year to raise the same amount.

A \$25,000 donation from the Charleston Area Charitable Foundation was matched in July by funds raised by the foundation.

The Rennels Family Reunion president, David Kent Coy, will speak at the ceremony and give a brief history of the house. Rennels' ancestors settled near the house around 1836, and descendants from throughout the United States and England donated more than \$10,000 toward the purchase effort.

B.F. McClerren, a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, will speak about the former president's time as a cir-

cuit rider, during which he often visited the Five Mile House. The purchase is only the beginning of a three-phase program by the foundation to make the house "part of Coles County's tourist attractions," according to the press release. Dan Thornburgh, president of the foundation, said, "We plan for it to fit into a heritage trail comprised of Lincoln and Civil War history ... and existing sites that illuminate 19th century patterns of settlement and migration."

Dan Thornburgh, president of the Five Mile House Foundation

The foundation plans to raise \$100,000 to complete the last two phases of the project, said Adrienne Thornburgh.

Half of that money will be used for a new roof, masonry repair and reconstruction of a kitchen ell, and the other half will be used to rebuild a blacksmith shop and other buildings related to the inn, she said.

AB to approve new secretary

Chris Bacon
Staff writer

Apportionment Board members Thursday will appoint a new secretary for the fall semester.

Bob Kman, former AB member and Student Senate member, will serve as the AB secretary, said Mike Johnson, AB chair.

Johnson said Kman will not have voting privileges while serving as

secretary.

Johnson said he is hopeful that AB will have a good year.

"(The year will be) really good," Johnson said.

Johnson said he does not think AB will meet every week this semester.

AB's main job comes in the spring when they work with budget proposals for the following year, Johnson said.

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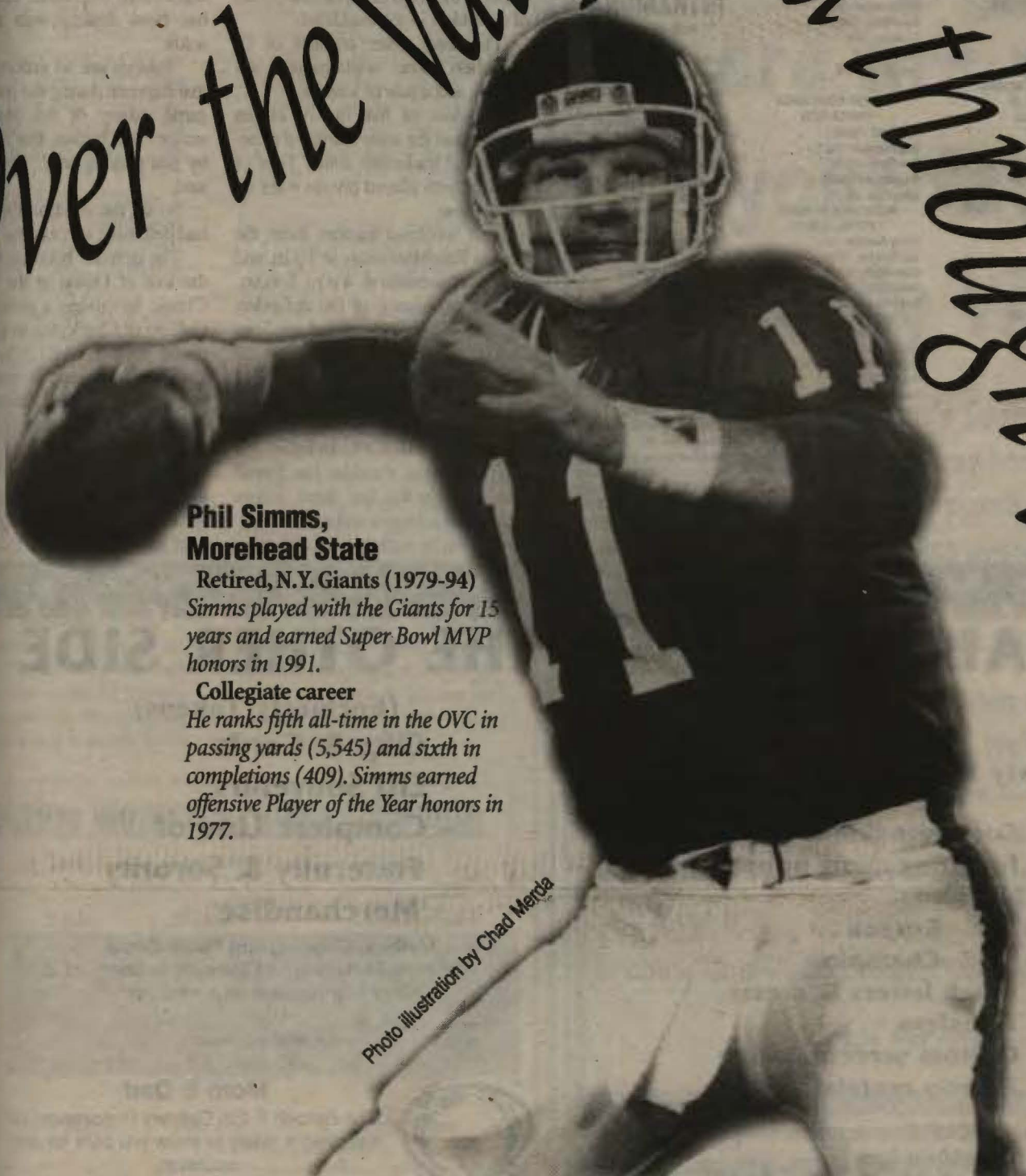
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Phil Simms, Morehead State

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Simms played with the Giants for 15 years and earned Super Bowl MVP honors in 1991.

Collegiate career
He ranks fifth all-time in the OVC in passing yards (5,545) and sixth in completions (409). Simms earned offensive Player of the Year honors in 1977.



Chris Watson, Eastern Illinois
Denver Broncos, Rookie, KR

Ohio Valley Conference players are no strangers to the NFL

By Gabe Rosen
Staff writer

Former OVC players currently in the NFL

Player	School	NFL team/position	Yrs. pro
Chad Bratzke	Eastern Kentucky	Colts / DE	6
Kelly Holcombe	Middle Tenn.	Colts / QB	3
Anthony Pleasant	Tennessee State	Jets / DE	10
Dwight Stone	Middle Tenn.	Jets / WR	13
Derrick Cullors	Murray State	Patriots / DE	6
Jonathon Quinn	Middle Tenn.	Jaguars / QB	2
Chris Watson	Eastern Illinois	Broncos / KR	R
John Jackson	Eastern Kentucky	Chargers / T	12
Marquis Walker	Southeast Missouri	Raiders / DB	4
Fred Thomas	Tennessee-Martin	Seahawks / DB	4
Angel Rubio	Southeast Missouri	Cardinals / DE	2
Mike Caldwell	Middle Tenn.	Eagles / LB	7
Mike Cherry	Murray State	Giants / QB	3
David Hoelscher	Eastern Kentucky	Redskins / DE	2
Jeff Gooch	Austin Peay	Buccaneers / LB	4
Marty Carter	Middle Tenn.	Falcons / DB	9
Tyrone Hopson	Eastern Kentucky	49ers / G	R
Brent Alexander	Tennessee State	Panthers / DB	6
Michael Swift	Austin Peay	Panthers / DB	3

When fans think of college football, conferences like the Big 10 and the PAC 10 instantly come to mind.

The Ohio Valley Conference is usually an afterthought to college football fans who watch their favorite teams bask in the glow of national television week in and week out.

However, in the past the OVC has produced NFL stars like Phil Simms (Morehead State) and Marty Carter (Middle Tennessee State).

Simms, who went on to win Super Bowl MVP honors in 1991 and enjoyed a 15-year career as a quarterback for the New York Giants, ranks fifth all-time in the OVC in passing yardage (5,545 yards) and sixth in completions (409).

Carter, who was the OVC's defensive Player of the Year in 1990, is currently playing for the Atlanta Falcons and has put together a solid nine-year career in the NFL as a defensive back.

Carter began his career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers where he played for four years before moving on to Chicago where he led the team in tackles during three of his four seasons there.

"I think it's pretty much a given that we have quality players in this league," said OVC Commissioner Dan Beebe.

There will continue to be two or three

players a year who might make it on an NFL roster and the rest of them hopefully will continue to reap the benefits of higher education and have successful careers."

The OVC isn't just relying on past players to boost its image. There is a brand new crop

of talent that has emerged from the conference and gone on to the big time.

Eastern's own Chris Watson is enjoying success this year in his rookie season with the Denver Broncos. Watson, a speedy defensive back, was the 67th pick overall in the 1999

draft and is the Broncos' main kickoff and punt returner.

Watson is also getting some playing time in the team's nickel defensive package.

Former Eastern Kentucky offensive lineman Tyrone Hopson is currently putting together a solid rookie season with the San Francisco 49ers after being drafted in the 10th round while former MTSU quarterback Jonathon Quinn is backing up Mark Brunell in Jacksonville.

In all, there are a total of 19 former OVC players currently seeing action in the NFL.

The common thread between almost all of these players is that most of them were underrated and overlooked coming out of college.

"It's the guys who are not necessarily the top picks who do well," Beebe said.

"It's usually the guys who may not be as highly regarded coming out, but they end up making the teams and sticking."

Eastern Kentucky head coach Roy Kidd has seen his share of NFL players pass through Richmond, Ky.

Kidd is the longest tenured coach in the OVC with 34 seasons under his belt. The venerable coach has been around so long that Eastern Kentucky's stadium is named after him.

According to Kidd, some players are so talented it's easy to see that they will indeed move on to the next level.

"It's kids that have good agility and good feet and strong upper bodies that make it.

Scoreboard

EIU CALENDAR

Today
8 p.m. - Men's soccer at Loyola (Chicago)
7 p.m. - Volleyball at Tennessee State

Saturday
11 a.m. - Women's soccer at Morehead State
noon - Volleyball at Austin Peay
1:30 p.m. - Football hosts Tennessee-Martin

Sunday
1 p.m. - Women's rugby hosts the University of Illinois
4 p.m. - Men's soccer at Northwestern

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AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
	W	L	GB
New York	92	59	—
Boston	88	63	4.0
Toronto	76	74	14.5
Baltimore	74	76	17.5
Tampa Bay	65	88	28.0
Central Division			
	W	L	GB
x-Cleveland	92	60	—
Chicago	88	63	23.5
Detroit	82	69	29.5
Minnesota	61	90	30.5
Kansas City	61	92	31.5
West Division			
	W	L	GB
Texas	89	63	—
Oakland	83	68	5.5
Seattle	75	77	14.0
Anaheim	64	89	25.5

Thursday's Games
*Toronto at Boston
*Cleveland at Detroit
*Chicago at New York

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	GB
Atlanta	95	57	—
New York	92	60	3.0
Philadelphia	71	81	24.0
Montreal	64	88	31.0
Florida	60	92	35.0

Central Division			
	W	L	GB
Houston	93	60	—
Cincinnati	90	63	2.5
Pittsburgh	75	76	16.5
St. Louis	72	80	20.0
Milwaukee	68	83	23.5
Chicago	61	91	31.0

West Division			
	W	L	GB
Arizona	92	60	—
San Francisco	83	69	9.0
San Diego	72	81	20.5
Los Angeles	71	81	21.0
Colorado	68	85	24.5

Thursday's Games
Montreal at Florida
New York at Atlanta
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Pittsburgh at Chicago
San Francisco at Los Angeles

DENI '99

Here's a look at the standings through the second week of DENI '99. Due to the large amount of cancellations that needed to be done, the list does not include Monday nights results - therefore, some people will have lower scores than they think. But, it will all even out in the end.

While we've only listed the top five for each division here, a complete listing can be found on our website, at www.eiu.edu/~deni.

Once again, for those who picked Vinny Testaverde, we're sorry. And for those who picked Jake Plummer, your season may be over very soon. Here's how everyone fared:

QUARTERBACKS

Drew Bledsoe - 108.9
Brett Favre - 82.1
Payton Manning - 80.7

Randal Cunningham - 74.8	Vikings - 90.08
Troy Aikman - 71.2	Steelers - 89.6
Mark Brunell - 68.3	Broncos - 81.92
Dan Marino - 63.6	Bills - 80.52
Steve Young - 50.4	Chargers - 49.46
Vinny Testaverde - 14.6	
Jake Plummer - 13.6	

RUNNING BACKS	
Dorsey Levine - 56.2	
Eddie George - 47.8	
Terrell Davis - 38	
Emmitt Smith - 31.8	
Curle Martin - 28.0	
Warick Dunn - 25.6	

FIELD GOAL KICKERS			
Mike Hollis - 87.5	AMERICAN CONFERENCE		
Pete Stoyanovich - 66.5	EAST DIVISION		
Adam Vinatieri - 63.5	Anish Gani - 309.28		
Al Del Greco - 56.0	Greg Thompson - 295.76		
Martin Gramatica - 49.0	Dave Pump - 274.82		
Jason Hanson - 45.5	Doug Tranel - 246.86		
Steve Christie - 38.5	Jeffrey Price - 238.72		
Ryan Longwell - 38.5	AMERICAN CONFERENCE		
Gary Anderson - 35.0	CENTRAL DIVISION		
Jason Elam - 24.5	Jeremy Alexander - 331.7		
John Kassar - 21.0	Todd Schreiber - 322.4		
Rickie Cunningham - 17.5	Adam Rendle - 309.24		
John Hall - 17.5	Donald Wells - 306.8		
Morton Anderson - 7.0	Todd Price - 288.76		

DEFENSE			
Seahawks - 135.98	AMERICAN CONFERENCE		
Ravens - 131.0	WEST DIVISION		
Raiders - 129.1	Jay Oshes - 349.96		
Bucs - 125.16	Meghan McMahon - 313.48		
Cowboys - 117.76	Nick Webb - 307.38		
Packers - 114.66	Mike Manday - 304.24		
Chiefs - 109.4	Adam Switzer - 301.48		
Jaguars - 108.94	NATIONAL CONFERENCE		
Redskins - 107.36	EAST DIVISION		
Giants - 107.14	Susan Kie - 377.02		
Falcons - 98.98	Brian Fornie - 317.7		
49ers - 97.36	Dieder Barlow - 229.52		
Jets - 96.66	Shane Miller - 282.04		
Dolphins - 95.86	Craig Ecker - 277.74		
Cardinals - 90.57	NATIONAL CONFERENCE		
	CENTRAL DIVISION		

Jason Rossi - 407.96	INTRAMURALS
Jon Gifford - 393.06	Monday's Football Results
Mike Byrne - 383.9	Women's
Mike Davidson - 329.8	Alpha Phi Silver del. AST Green (forfeit)
Christy Kilgore - 308.4	Sigma Kappa 13, Alpha Sigma Alpha 12
	Men's A
	Sigma Pi Purple 28, Delta Sigma 6
	Pi Phi Gold 13, Sigma Chi Blue 7
	Men's B
	OKAW 32, Money 0
	Swingers 18, Delta Chi 0
	Meathheads del. Tuff Guys
	Tuesday's Football Results
	Women's
	Alpha Phi Bordeaux 14, Tri Sigma White 0
	Delta Zeta 26, AST Gold 6
	Men's A
	Pi Phi Gamet 35, Rhino Chasers 22
	Wyld Stallions 18, Rock Stars 0
	Sigma Pi Gold 20, Delta Chi 0
	Lambda Chi Gold 18, TKE 0
	Men's B
	All Middle 29, T.O.S. 6
	Wednesday's Results
	Women's
	Tri-Sigma Purple 6, AST Green 0
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Young men's soccer team fights injury

By Troy Hinkel
Staff writer

Eastern's men's soccer team has been using defense as the key for success this year. However, success has come in the form of a youthful group of defenders in the backfield.

The team roster consists of 10 freshmen, nine sophomores, six juniors, and a pair of seniors.

The loss of five out of eleven starters hurt the team's level of experience and leadership ability. Four of those players played pivotal roles on the defense.

This weekend Eastern faces the Loyola Ramblers today at 7 p.m. and then Northwestern at 4 p.m. Sunday.

The experience of the defenders for this season culminated on Tom Dillon, a senior who started in 17 games last year.

During the Pizza Hut Classic, Dillon went down halfway through the game against IUPUI-Indianapolis.

A separated shoulder has forced him to miss the last three games because of soreness and stiffness.

"Dillon is a captain on the team

and him not being on the field is a huge experience and leadership loss," head coach Tim McClements said.

Ryan Hunt, a main freshman influence, has been fighting through a preseason foot injury. Zach Moore, a sophomore midfielder and forward, has been dealing with a sprained ankle.

"Injuries are an unforeseen part of the game. Many of the players have scrapes and bruises that they get by just playing hard," McClements said.

So far, the youthful Panthers have had defensive success this season.

The defense bounced back to the loss of Dillon at the Pizza Hut Classic by having a shutout against the College of Charleston in the opening round of the SMU Classic. Eastern faced seventh-ranked South Carolina at the classic and held them scoreless until the twelfth minute of the game before losing 3-0.

"The freshmen were forced to step up this past weekend and were able to handle the challenge," McClements said.

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Captains lead women's rugby

By Dusty Cookson
Staff writer

put it simply, they are two. After fighting off nagging injuries in the preseason, the women's rugby co-captains, Michelle Reid and Cathy Twietmeyer, have overcome their setbacks and made the most of their playing days on the field.

Head coach Frank Graziano, who has come along way this season. Graziano has been impressed with their leadership and hard work ethic.

"They have the best work ethic I've seen on the team," he said. "They're always giving 110 percent in the team."

Reid and Twietmeyer agreed that hard work and dedication have been the keys to their success.

"It takes a lot of dedication, especially going from a club sport to a team sport," Reid said.

"Both of us put a lot of work into practice, we spend a lot of time trying to make ourselves better," Twietmeyer said.

The common season goal for the two is very cut and clear at the University of Illinois. They want to get into the national top five. With a win over the Illini

this weekend, the team's playoff chances would look very favorable.

Along with their post-season optimism, both have set some individual goals for this year. Reid said that she just wanted to live up to being a co-captain.

"I want to go out off the field knowing that I did the best I could. I want to know that I did everything I could to help the team," she said.

Besides their hard work on the field, Graziano was quick to point out that both give equal effort in the classroom.

"They're both excellent students. They both get straight A's," he said (Reid is a Psychology major, while Twietmeyer plans on a career in history education).

Graziano complimented the two.

"They are like bookends. They are just excellent kids," he said.

Along with the positive remarks from the coach, both agree that the other plays her role to perfection.

"She's so dedicated and willing to learn. She's so dedicated and committed to being a team player. She's a very strong player and she's a big key to the team," Reid said of Twietmeyer.

Remaining women's rugby schedule

Time	Opponent	Location
Sept. 26 1 p.m.	Illinois	Lakeside Field
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Mike Caldwell, a Middle Tennessee alum, is in his seventh year in the NFL. He's played for the Cleveland Browns and this year is with the Eagles.

League

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I looked at Tyrone (Hopson) and he was an aggressive kid. Right off the bat I knew he had the potential to make it," Kidd said.

"I told the scouts if you stay with him, he can play in the NFL. I told them the kid can play but he needs an opportunity."

Even though scouts liked Hopson, Kidd said the main reason he was drafted was a strong performance at the Hula Bowl last year.

"He dominated the line of scrimmage against Kentucky and he was the best athlete in all of them," Kidd said.

Kidd said it is a good feeling when players go on to the next level, but when players get rejected it can be a tough situation as well.

Former Eastern Kentucky linebacker Tony McCombs started at linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals in 1998 but was let go at the beginning of this season.

"It makes you feel great," Kidd said of his former players making it to the big show. "I was tickled to death when Tyrone made it, but it really hurts when they let one of them go. McCombs was a kid where there is no where in life that he'll

make that kind of money."

For Quinn, reaching his lifelong goal of playing in the NFL has been a dream come true.

Quinn, who holds the record for the longest completion in OVC history, was a longshot to make the NFL coming out of college.

"I didn't have a strong junior year and I had a decent senior year so my goal was just to go to camp," he said. "I had a couple of good off-season workouts and I thought to myself, 'I can do this.'"

Quinn says his experience at Middle Tennessee has helped him adjust to the pro game.

"Playing for MTSU, it was a real disciplined team and the mental toughness I learned has helped me adjust to the mental strain of the NFL," Quinn said.

"The knowledge you have to know is tremendous. I can't even begin to say how mentally demanding it is to play in this league."

While at Middle Tennessee, Quinn certainly took advantage of his education. He graduated cum laude in December 1997 with a degree in business management.

He may have learned a few lessons from former MTSU quarterback Kelly Holcombe, who preceded Quinn at Middle Tennessee.

Holcombe is third in OVC history in passing yardage with 7,064 and

is currently playing for the Indianapolis Colts. Holcombe graduated in '94 with a degree in science and has been with the Colts for four years now.

"It's something that every player wants. If you persevere and it doesn't matter where you play (college)," Holcombe said. "I've proved a lot of people wrong, it's very hard for me, but you have to take steps and keep working."

According to Holcombe, a start in Tampa Bay made him playing in the NFL was no picnic.

"I started out in Tampa. I was naive about what to expect and I put on the practice squad," Holcombe said.

"I ended up being cut and brought back and cut and brought back."

Nevertheless, the former Middle Tennessee star was happy for the opportunity to be in the league.

"That's all I wanted. I just wanted to make the team. I thought I would be on the practice squad for the entire year," Holcombe said.

Meanwhile, Holcombe still has fond memories from his days as a prolific quarterback in the OVC.

"The one memory I have of the OVC is winning the championship in '92," Holcombe said. "It's a great conference. There are a lot of good schools and good programs."

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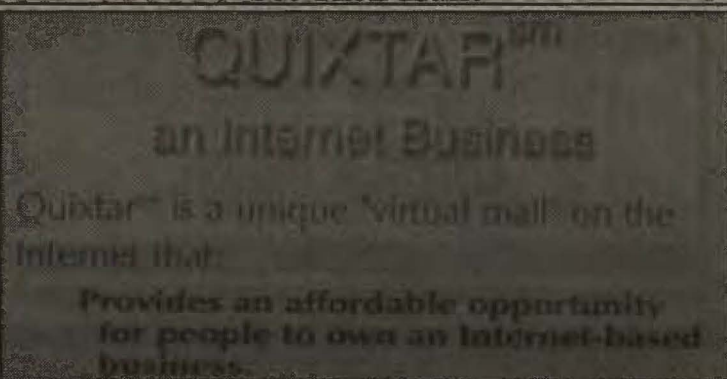
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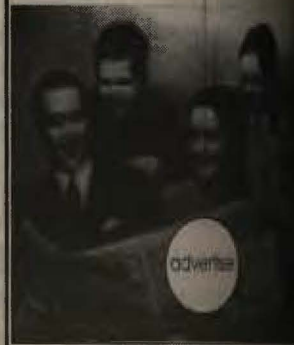
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These runners are making a huge impact

Martin finally
as a coach,
sets more goals

By Kristin Rojek
Staff writer

After coaching herself for nearly four years in high school and moving to collegiate level running last year, sophomore Beth Martin already has made tremendous contributions to the women's cross country team.

"She really has come out of here," head coach John McInerney said. "She didn't come from a really fancy background, but she's done a really great job and has consistent improvements." Martin's most recent accomplishments occurred at the EIU Invitational, where she placed in the top five runners and first place of all the Panthers.

"I have already accomplished one of my goals after placing in the top 10 at Bradley and then in the top five at our home meet."

Along with being a front runner this season, Martin already has shattered her personal bests as well. She improved her home course time by 1:20 and cut time at the Bradley course as well.

"That says something about her improvements right there," McInerney said. "Last year we saw a lot of her ability, but she didn't have any strength because in high school she didn't have much of a year-round training."

Martin was the only member of

Bialka off to another successful year for the men's team

By Kristin Rojek
Staff writer

After placing third in the Ohio Valley Conference last year, which landed him first team all-conference honors, redshirt sophomore Jason Bialka returns for another cross country season, already proving to be a success.

Most recently, Bialka placed third in the EIU Invitational and first in the Bradley Open, running the 8,000-meter consistently around 25 minutes.

"He's looking to repeat last year's success, and there's still things this season to be played out," head coach John McInerney said. "There is unexplored territory and there is a long way to go in his distance running potential."

After an appendectomy in August just before the start of his freshman year season, Bialka was redshirted and is now in the midst of his sophomore season of cross country.

"Being redshirted was a huge advantage because I have matured a lot more as a runner and it has allowed me to adjust to college running more," Bialka said. "Some guys purposely

redshirt their freshman year because men tend to hit their running peak in their early twenties, which is where I will be in my fifth season here."

After challenging well in the OVC race last year, Bialka fell third to two Kenyans from Eastern Kentucky, but according to McInerney, Bialka already has shown he's a bit ahead of himself compared to last year.

"He's stronger and bigger this year with sophomore eligibility," McInerney said. "I haven't seen his best race yet because we are still in a training phase, but it will be exciting to see what he does when we back down (training) toward the end of the season."

Even Bialka isn't sure what has contributed to his increased intensity this season.

"I didn't work that much harder this summer than any other, but I've improved a lot in intensity and mental focus."

Bialka has been determined to break 25 minutes, and although he has come close twice, he has fallen short, making him even more determined for the upcoming grueling competition at the University of Illinois.

"I ran fast on the home course, which was

one of my goals because I didn't feel that I did that well last year," Bialka said. "I want to try to win conference, but I'd like for our top five to be in the top seven so we can all earn the first-team honors."

Bialka's goal may not be so far away.

As long as the strong pack remains close behind Bialka, the team feeds off of Bialka's ability as a front runner.

"I don't mind running by myself in meets because I can set the pace, but it was encouraging to run with (Ryan) Boyles last season," Bialka said. "When my team is around, there's more pressure and over time our gap will get closer together."

The ultimate goal lies in the NCAA district meet, which qualifies the team for nationals. Bialka sets his sights on the top ten by getting in early and holding that position. McInerney would like to see the rest of the team right along side of him.

"I would prefer to do it as a team, but it's a nasty hunt with the top five teams in the district, about 38 teams and 250 competitors; it's certainly one heck of a race."

the Weathersfield High School cross country team, and consequently was forced to be her own coach, paying to run in competitions and wear her school's uniform.

"I used to run road races when I was little and I guess that's how this all started," Martin said. "My junior and senior year I had friends that used to train with me, but last year was a big adjustment for me."

Adapting to a coach giving set workouts was difficult for Martin at first, but now that the adjustment has been made, Martin is seeing a

lot of success.

"This summer I did a lot of weight lifting and more miles," Martin said. "I'm a lot more motivated because I know what to expect."

Both in practice and in meets, McInerney has seen both her mental and physical strength improve. Training by running 40-60 miles a week, her strength and determination has shown much improvement.

"More mileage and lifting plays a big confidence factor," McInerney said. "She is fit and in

her natural position now, which is a big confidence boost."

Although Martin is still a sophomore, her leadership on the team has been important this season as well. Leading more so by example, Martin's encouragement helps the team along both in practice as well as in competitions.

"Lisa (Klingler) is our biggest team leader, but when she's not there I try to keep the team motivated," Martin said. "I try to be vocal when I'm running."

With all the advancements Martin already has made early in

the season, there are still long term goals to set her sights on.

"I want to make first team all-conference and eventually run under 18 minutes, which may not be possible this season, but definitely in my cross country career," Martin said. "I changed my mental strategy this year. I used to always need to be the front runner, but I tended to wear out at the end. Now I let people get ahead and then I chase them, so now instead of the middle of the race being the toughest it's the end when I have to kick in."

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Liss

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"I think she'll tell you that her passing needs some improvement," he said. "She's getting confidence and once she reaches that stability of 'I really belong out here,' her passing will get even better."

Liss believes the enthusiasm of her teammates, senior outside hitter Meleah Cutler in particular, has helped improve her confidence on the court.

"It's great too, because when I get a kill, she's just as excited for me as if she got her own kill," Liss said of Cutler. "That's the best thing, when you get a kill, they're just as excited for you as they would be for themselves."

Cutler also acts as a great source of motivation for the freshman.

"She hustles for everything and that motivates me, too," Liss said. "Because when she gets to a ball and makes a great play, there's no way I'm going to let the next ball hit the floor."

When Liss does struggle, her teammates are right there to pick her up and encourage her.

"All of them make it easy for me," the Cary-Grove High School product said. "If I'm having an off day,

they're right there behind me, and when I make a mistake, they'll just tease me because I'm the freshman."

The Panthers' approach of having fun on the court has made it much easier for Liss to step in and contribute as a freshman.

"I knew right away it would be fun," Liss said. "We're obviously out there working hard, but you have so much fun that you almost forget you're competing."

But the 5-foot-10 freshman didn't always feel so comfortable.

"Coming in, I was pretty intimidated because we've got such an awesome team and all the upper-classman are very good," she said.

But since the first few days of fall practice, Liss has been widely accepted by her teammates.

"The biggest form of acceptance is being able to step on the court right away as a freshman and make a contribution," Epperly said. "And Karen has done that."

Epperly said as long as Liss remains on the same path, she will see great success on and off the volleyball court.

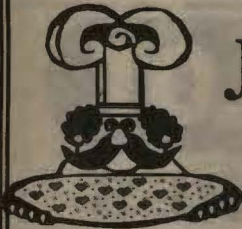
"Karen works hard and came from a great club program," he said.

"She has a great work ethic and as long as she continues to hit the weights, stay healthy, and get good grades, I see a very bright collegiate career in store for her."




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Freshman Karen Liss has been a key part to the volleyball team's early success. She earned OVC Freshman of the Week honors thanks in part to her 36 kills and 38 digs last week.



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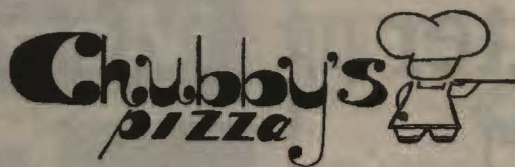
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Fresh start?

0-3 football team hopes Saturday is new beginning

By Kyle Bauer
Associate sports editor

The first step in rehabilitation is admitting you have a problem. Consider this week the Panther football team's first week in rehab.

After an 0-3 start, Eastern will begin Ohio Valley Conference play this weekend against a Tennessee-Martin team it has not lost to in four contests.

Although the Panthers are winless in their first three games of the season, they can take some consolation knowing they have yet to play a conference game.

"In a sense, there is somewhat of a clean slate," offensive coordinator Roy Wittke said. "We're back to 0-0. You don't go into the season thinking you will start out 0-3, but there's still time. Ultimately what we have been working for is success in the conference. That is our first and foremost goal."

A real possibility of achieving that goal still exists. If you don't think so, ask Eastern Kentucky.

"A few years ago Eastern Kentucky started 0-3 and they went 8-0 in the conference," senior kicker Chad Lamer said. "I know you can't compare two teams, but it shows it can be done if you have 90 guys believing in the system the coaches put together. A loss to Tennessee-Martin this weekend (can be devastating). It could ruin the season."

To make sure Eastern does not see its season in a shambles after the first month, the coaches have made a return to teaching the fundamentals.

The team is back in full pads. Wittke has his offense working overtime. Immediately following practices, he has the offense running skeleton plays.

"It's been my experience when things aren't going well, you have to go back and work on the little things," Wittke said. "You start small and build on that. You have to establish things from an attitude and approach standpoint first."

This week, the Panthers will get a break from a schedule that had them playing three Division I-A opponents in the first five weeks of the season. Central Florida still awaits Eastern on Oct. 2.

"You can't solve all your problems over night," Wittke said. "It will take a little bit of time. All of us are very hurt and embarrassed about our performance last Saturday night."

Sensing something needed to be done, the seniors held a meeting earlier in the week to discuss what they could do to get the team back to the level at which it knows it can compete. Another meeting was held Thursday night. This one included the entire team.

"The mark of a championship team is to find a way to win," Wittke said. "I sense this team is trying to strengthen itself by pulling together."

Panther



Watch

Too much motion in the backfield



Mandy Marshall / Staff photographer

Redshirt freshman J.R. Taylor runs away from tacklers in practice earlier this year. Taylor rushed for 23 of the Panther's 63 yards in the loss to Southern Illinois.

Taylor just looks for playing time along with three other backs

By Kyle Bauer
Associate sports editor

J.R. Taylor arrived at Eastern last year as a freshman expecting to make a contribution to the team in some small way. Complications with the NCAA and an injury forced him to change his plans and take a redshirt year.

This year Taylor arrived at Eastern expecting to make a contribution to the team anyway he can. So far, his plans have not been altered.

"J.R. is doing well," offensive coordinator Roy Wittke said. "He surprised us with some things. He is doing a better job with the passing game. He really has not had much experience catching the ball."

With Jabarey McDavid, Wayne Brown and Shaun Grace already in the backfield, playing time is at a minimum. The type of situation the offense finds itself in will determine who will get the ball.

Taylor will get the call on passing downs and plays inside the redzone.

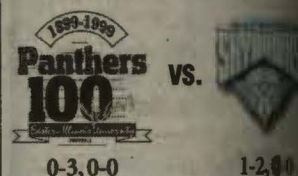
"We've got Jabarey, Wayne and now Shaun is back," Taylor said. "Everybody brings something different. Me, I'm more of a power runner."

Taylor took advantage of the opportunity given him last week in the loss to Southern Illinois by rushing for 23 of the team's 63 yards on the ground. He also came out of the backfield to catch two passes for 15 yards.

At one point in the second quarter Wittke called Taylor's number four consecutive times. Taylor responded by gaining 32 yards and picking up three first downs. But five plays later, Taylor was hit for a loss of seven yards.

"That's what I want to do - that's what I expect to do," he said of that sequence of plays. "I know we have other backs and I won't

Opening kickoff



What: Football game, Eastern hosts Tennessee-Martin
Where: O'Brien Stadium
When: Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
Notes: Tailgating before the game starts at 11 a.m. ... The 0-3 start is the worst for the Panthers since 1977 ... Eastern's defense ranks 121 out of 122 teams in Division I-AA ... UTM's defense ranks 4th in the OVC in total defense ... The two teams combined for 91 points in Eastern's 56-35 win last season

always get the opportunity, but every back likes to run the ball."

Taylor's combination of size and speed may give him the opportunity to see more action. Taylor stands 6-foot 2-inches tall and weighs in at 204 pounds. He has also shown he can run away from people in the open field.

"A runner with his type of size and speed is helpful," Wittke said. "His strength is the way he finishes his runs. He has a knack for getting his pads level and always marching forward."

"He's durable too. He can take a little bit of a pounding. He's going to pound people. We have a nice balance now."

While it seems like Taylor is settling into the system and finding his role on the team, he has not forgotten he still has a few things he needs to work on.

"There are still some things I want to do better," he said. "In that game against Hawaii, if I don't fumble or if I catch that pass in the endzone I'm 90 percent sure we would have won that game."

Liss digs her way to head of freshman class

By Bill Ruthhart
Staff writer

Next set



7-4, 2-0

0-12, 0-3

What: Volleyball game, against Tennessee State

Where: Nashville, Tenn.

When: Today, 7 p.m.

Notes: The Tigers have forced only one match to four games all season when they took the first game 15-6 Sept. 17 against William & Mary ... TSU has managed to reach double digits in only 5 of their 37 games.

Just three weeks into her collegiate career, freshman Karen Liss has already begun to turn some heads with impressive play as an outside hitter for the Panther volleyball team.

Liss earned Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week honors after posting 36 kills and 38 digs while finishing last week with a .313 hitting percentage in three matches against Evansville, Tennessee-Martin and Murray State.

"I was surprised, but excited too," Liss said of receiving the honor.

While Liss will try to continue to put up solid numbers this weekend when the Panthers travel to Tennessee State on Friday and Austin Peay on Saturday, she credits her teammates for making it so easy for her to step in as a freshman and play well.

"The team did an awesome job of helping me," she said. "They are all so supportive. It's really easy to play with the group I'm playing with."

At first glance, interim head coach Andrew Epperly wasn't sure if Liss would measure up at the college level.

"I was worried about her physical aspect when I first saw her because she's a pretty skinny kid,"

he said. "At first I thought she may not be able to put much heat on the ball and terminate well, but after the first two days of practice I figured out that she hits the ball pretty hard."

It is that offensive power and ability to strike an exciting ball at any moment that Liss is quickly becoming known for around the conference.

"My hitting has been pretty good so far, but a lot of that is the way she said. "Our setters are smart, they almost always put the ball in front of me with only one blocker."

While she has shown great potential, Epperly believes Liss has room for improvement.

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so happy together ... three bands visit Eastern to help families connect for the weekend

Vollman said his band has had the unique success to play for all ages and students will be surprised at how many songs they recognize. "Happy Together," for example was featured in the Oscar-winning movie "Forrest Gump" and can be heard in a recent Burger King commercial. The Turtles have had nine hits in the Top 40, including "It Ain't Me, Babe" and "Elenore," and the duo has sold over 60 million records worldwide. The band plays 170 shows a year and even performed at the White House. Through all of their accomplishments, Vollman said the 38-year friend-ship between he and band mate Howard Kaylan has been the most spe-cial. Vollman said over the decade the band has had "more fun than we together."

All three bands invited for this concert have had numerous Top 40 hits and represent the sound and feel of the '60s. The music of the '60s is "positive," said Mark Vollman, one half of the Turtles. "If it weren't for us, why have a concert having kids and parents and the kids will jam together with The Turtles, Gary Puckett and the Grass Roots — and we kids can see just how Mom and Dad used to dance." Well, at 8 p.m. Saturday, in coordination with Family Weekend, Mom, Dad and the kids will jam together with The Turtles, Gary Puckett and the Grass Roots — and we kids can see just how Mom and Dad used to dance. "Happy Together," by the Turtles, "Young Girl," by Gary Puckett and "Sooner or Later," by the Grass Roots.

by Dan O'Connell
Verge Staff



Life, campus, Hollywood

by sean stangland

Staff writer

Some of you may be wondering why a lowly staff writer is getting the chance to have his name and face appear at the top of this column. Well, my wise, sage-like editors thought that I should use this space today to discuss a serious subject: dorks.

I had long suspected I was a dork, a person who is just far enough from the norm to be substantially different from everyone else. I refused the idea for a long time; how could I let myself be something to be looked down upon and laughed at?

But I have begun to see things in a more realistic light in my old age, and have come to realize that I can be nothing but a full-fledged, card-carrying dork. Let's examine the evidence, shall we?

Like all good dorks, I'm into movies. Big time. I don't think anyone could argue that dorks aren't frequent moviegoers; we go to movies because most of the people on screen lead lives that are infinitely more interesting than what we've got here in boring ol' reality. Most people my age were going on extravagant vacations and partying all night long this summer. Not me; I was too busy seeing "The Phantom Menace" eight times.

Let's move on to wardrobe. Sometimes I wonder if the majority of EIU students are stockholders in Abercrombie and Fitch or Tommy Hilfiger. I walked into an Abercrombie once, saw a price tag on a flannel shirt that read \$40, and promptly walked out. T-shirts and jeans are more my speed, like they are for many people. What makes me a dork is the roster of faces that appear on my shirts. David Duchovny, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Darth Maul and Yoda are all in my closet. I even still have my "Pulp Fiction" T-shirt from 1994 (and I happen to be wearing it now as I type this). My only saving grace is that I have stopped wearing my "Deep

Space Nine" T-shirt, if only because I got tired of getting beat up every time I put it on.

When I think about it, being a dork isn't all that bad sometimes, especially when there are other dorks just like you that are willing to hang out and watch sci-fi movies with you all day. A friend of mine called himself a dork the other day, then conceded that all of his friends (including me) are dorks as well. At least we have no illusions; we know where we hang on life's social ladder.

Of course, there are drawbacks to the dork lifestyle, particularly when it comes to romancing the ladies (insert pathetic laughter here). The girls here are all so mature, attractive and intimidating. I can't even talk to most of the girls here, let alone try to win them over with my amorous advances. I really felt Preston's pain in "Can't Hardly Wait" when he couldn't muster up the courage to talk to Jennifer Love Hewitt because that's been my reality for quite some time.

But, like they always say, good things come to those who wait. It's just a shame that I've been waiting for six or seven years. But at least there are others like me out there who I can share the laughter and the pain with. People who know a good lightsaber duel when they see one. People who know what the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow is (another dork vice: Monty Python). People who listen to Weird Al at high volume. People who aren't afraid to be themselves, no matter what the cost.

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Quote me

what do you miss most about mom's cooking?



"I do miss it. Probably because it is always hot when you eat it and sometimes here it isn't"

- Carolyn Anderson,
freshman, chemistry
major



"My mom makes the meanest barbecue ribs. She has the best barbecue sauce."

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"I miss not feeling like I was going to regurgitate after every meal like I do here."

-Melina Tatavosian,
freshman,
English major

DJs put new spin on older sounds

by michael hirtzer

Staff writer

The Basement Jaxx's full-length debut might be the best dance record of the year. "Remedy" was released in the United States in early August, but has been rocking Europe all summer. The Basement Jaxx, a.k.a. Felix Burton and Simon Ratcliffe, hail from England.

The two call their sound "punk garage" in interviews from URB, Rolling Stone, and Thousand Words, and the "punk" refers to the attitude of their music, while the "garage" refers to the rough, intense bass lines.

The sixth track, "Red Alert," is a current club hit and is played from here to Paris (France, that is). It combines electronic noise with a slap bass and catchy lyrics.

"Jump-N Shout" and "Sixteen Seconds" each blow the mind with thick bass lines and unique vocals—"Jump" with a ragga MC, and "Sixteen" with a girl singer.

Others songs include "Rendez-Vous" with its live guitar, a definition of deep house called "Same Old Show," and the salsa of "Bingo Bango."

This record is so unique, it's hard to describe the sound on paper. It combines earlier genres like R & B, house, garage, salsa and funk with the beats of today's underground.

This is "house" music for parties, for the car, and even at home. It is dance music with soul.

"Remedy" is the first single from the Basement Jaxx's debut album, "Remedy." The album takes a lot of Miles Davis from 1967 and blends it with new styles of drum and bass and hip-hop.

The remixers add subtle beats and beats without taking away from Miles' music. This album shows that music and style are able to reinvent themselves in order to sound fresh.

The album consists of lengthy tracks. However, they take repeated listens for appreciation. The first track has a smooth jazz horn with a tempo drum beat and electronic bleeps. The third track features DJ Cam, has a nice piano and down-tempo hip-hop beats, some nice horn work by Miles.

The highlight of the disc is the Corner (Subterranean Channel Mix). It's a minute descent into bebop drum and bass. It's remixes by Miles Davis, who is also known for his album, "Ambient Translations" by Bob Marley.

This record is a new approach to the music of Miles Davis and can be listened to with an open mind.

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Watch the game and knock back a Bottle of Justus

by tony scott
Staff writer

Ready to enjoy a couple bottles of something cold, frothy and original Saturday? How about a Bottle of Justus? The band will be performing live for the first time in a while beginning at 11:30 on Saturday at the Eastern party kicking off the football game. They will be making an appearance tonight at 9 p.m. at Roc's, 410 Sixth Street. The cover will be a \$2 cover for the show. The band doesn't sound like it's probably because they haven't played the Charleston area for nearly two years. But the members of Bottle of Justus aren't the new town, either. Three members of the band, Chris Quinlan (lead vocals and guitar), Joe Quinlan (lead guitar) and Justus Woolever (drum) are Charleston

natives and Charleston High School alumni. Rounding out the band are Jeff Johnson (bass), Eric Bogdonas (drums) and Mark Kinderman (saxophone). They have even been invited to play Charleston High School's homecoming celebration, Chris Quinlan proudly remarked. "We're looking forward to coming back to Charleston," Quinlan said. The band is in its third year as a musical staple on the ISU bar circuit, and this summer they released an album entitled "Sunday Midwestern Afternoon." Quinlan said several record labels are seeking to record their new material in December. Bottle of Justus has a very unique sound, and Quinlan warns those who will attend the tailgating party to not expect the cliché cover band. "The one thing I am worried about is usually at tailgating events, there are cover bands," Quinlan commented. "We're not a cover band." The band's sound ranges from



the acoustic eclecticism of Rusty Root to the jazz-tinged sounds of the Dave Matthews Band to the mellow jamming of the Allman Brothers Band. But Quinlan says it is very hard to pin

Bottle of Justus to one style of music. To Quinlan, Bottle of Justus sounds like no other. "I have a hard time describing it," he explained. "It's a very original sound."

The members of Bottle of Justus hang out at their favorite brick wall.

Photo courtesy of Bottle of Justus

Showplace 8 offers a weekend alternative for Eastern students

by erin signal
Staff writer

Tired of doing the same old thing? Why not go see a movie at Showplace 8 Kerasotes movie theater located on Route 16? The theater opened in December 1995 with the eight screens they currently have and the seats continue to be filled. Since 1995, the computer system has been updated once and more

food choices have been added to the menu such as Arctic Blast, juice and movie bites, said Brandee Plywood, shift manager for the theater. "Approximately ten of the employees at the theater are Eastern and Lakeland students," Plywood said. "We hire a few extra workers during the school year because the theater becomes busier when the students are back in town. "Many of the scary movies, come-

dies and movies affiliated with MTV are brought to Showplace 8 because they tend to be geared more toward college students," Plywood said. Dale French, Area Manager of Showplace 8, said he noticed many students asking employees last weekend why the theater has not implemented student pricing. French said he is looking into student rates because of the students' demand for the deal. With eight projectors running,

Showplace 8 offers something for everyone and in return receives a variety of people attending the theater. If you are looking for something different to do in the area rather than the usual bar scene, grab a few of your friends, pile in a car or ride the Panther Express and check out a movie at the Showplace 8. Ticket prices are \$4 for everyone before 6 p.m. After 6 p.m., tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

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Especially because Vollman recently graduated from Marymount University and is now a full-time professor in Southern California. Opening Saturday's show is Gary Puckett, a man who has had many solo highlights in his career as well as high with his Union Gap Band. Puckett has had six Top 10 hits including, "Lady Row" and "Woman, Woman," and appeared on many TV shows in the '60s and '70s such as "The Ed Sullivan Show," "The Tonight Show," "Red Skelton," and many more. Puckett also performed for President Clinton and Prince Charles at the White House. "Gary's a very easygoing, mellow cat," said Jim Dotson, manager for Puckett. Puckett has an incredible voice and is a great guitarist," Dotson said. "He does an eclectic show." Puckett performs some country, gospel and blues to go with the barrage of oldies hits and he even sings some

fresh pop tunes. "He changes the show every year. We work up a new show," Dotson said. "He does oldies hits to Celine Dion." Puckett began his love for music in a garage band as a kid and in 1961 he moved out to San Diego and a professional career began to grow, eventually expanding into the 1967 hit-making group, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap Band. "(Puckett) will be singing until he can't," Dotson said. He said Puckett still has about ten full touring years left until he will retire to his new passion - Puckett loves to perform free concerts at gospel churches for local congregations. "Gary believes he has a gift," Dotson said. And he wants to share it with the people. "The Grass Roots have 14 Top 40 hits and that's what we do," said original lead singer Rob Grill. Their Top 40 hits include "Let's Live For Today," "Midnight Confessions" and "Two Divided By Love." The band experienced most of their fame during 1967 to

1972, when they set a record for being on the Billboard Charts for 307 straight weeks. Total album sales for the group exceed 20 million records world wide, and the band is listed tenth among bands for having the most singles on Billboard's Hot 100. The Grass Roots have appeared on many television shows so their faces should look familiar. The group has been on "The Tonight Show," "The Today Show," "The Ed Sullivan Show," "VH-1 Hit-makers," "Sonny & Cher" and yes, MTV. Grill said if the students aren't familiar with the music then it will be a challenge for him. However, it won't be too difficult because Grill said their demographics are ages 14 to 60. Grill said he spontaneously interacts with the crowd. "I'm really into feedback. I'll ride it," he added. "I talk about '60s music and fun stuff. I make light of it," he said. "I think (the show) will be great."



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Costner pitches a solid 'Game'

by dan ochwat
Verge editor

Kevin Costner is Hollywood's resident sports actor. He has been in "Tin Cup," "Bull Durham," "Field of Dreams" and now "For Love of the Game," the third baseball picture on his resume — and Costner delivers a strong performance.

As an anti-Costner viewer because of such weak efforts as "Waterworld," "The Postman" and "The Bodyguard," I was actually entertained and impressed by Costner's performance as Billy Chapel, a loyal Detroit Tigers pitcher on his way to Cooperstown.

The power in Costner's performance lies in the troubles of Chapel's life. After a 19-year career with the Tigers and a five-year relationship with lover Jane Aubrey — played annoyingly by Kelly Preston ("Jerry Maguire," "Addicted to Love") — Chapel is about to lose it all.

And the audience can see it in his eyes. Director Sam Raimi won major Hollywood clout with his critically acclaimed "A Simple Plan," a movie where he would shoot many scenes of the characters thinking. You could see the emotional distress of the characters' struggling situations by reading their eyes.

Raimi continues this powerful idea through Costner's character. Chapel stands abandoned on the lonely pitching mound, periodically drifting off into thoughts on how to handle his troubled love life with Aubrey and the thought of retirement from a game that practically flows through his veins.

Raimi also neatly shoots the movie in sequence of a nine-inning game, a game that is the crossroad of Chapel's life. During the nine innings, Chapel has flashbacks of how he mistreated his lover and ran her out of his life and has flashbacks involving the major points in his baseball career.

The flashbacks surrounding him and Aubrey have practically no emotion and are boring. I honestly started to not care whether or not he would be able to win her back or not. I just kept thinking about how he was an idiot and how it took him five years to tell her he loved her.

And I kept wondering why the two weren't married. It isn't ever an idea, except that his last name represents marriage. Chapel and Aubrey just date off-and on for five years, saying how much they love each other but can't find room for each other. Nothing about their relationship is romantic — it's just down right annoying.

And worst of all, the relationship ends in a far-too-famil-

iar rendition of the romantic classic, "Jerry Maguire." Rather than taking place in a living room, the ending happens at an airport. Chapel never says, "You complete me," but he might as well have.

The movie should have been strictly about baseball. Raimi does an excellent job showing the power of being a pitcher in crazy Yankee Stadium and uses a cool racing camera and a neat mix of sound that show Chapel's fight with concentration.

The baseball flashbacks are very good because they show the special bond Chapel has with his fellow players and a very important one with his catcher, played well by John C. Reilly ("Boogie Nights").

The live baseball action is fun to watch, although awkward-looking at times. But it does look respectable, and so does the movie.

"For Love of the Game" reveals an accurate look at the life of a famous ball player and the sweet relationships among him and his teammates. But most of all it shows the passion for baseball that burns in every player. In this case, it is a passion that exceeds that of a loved one.

"For Love of the Game"
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- 18 Turner and Eisenhower
- 19 Back slap?
- 20 [1938]
- 23 Island attire
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- 38 Giant constellation south of Canis Major
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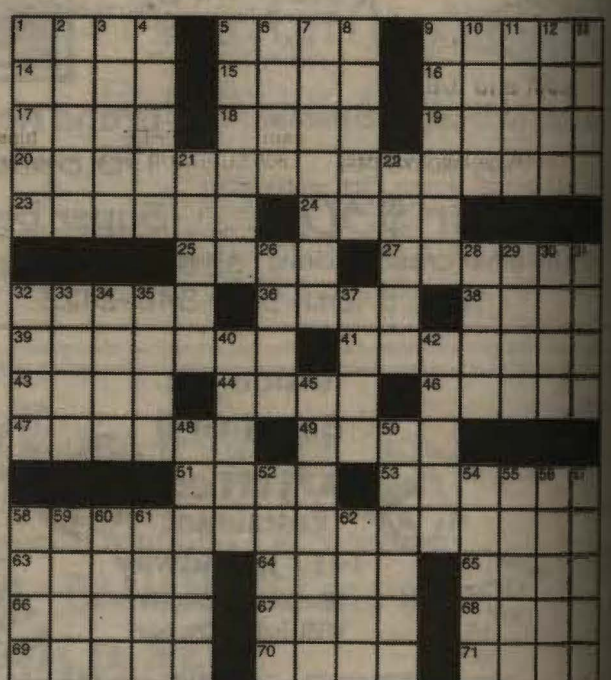
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Puzzle by Frances Hansen

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Friend's features a solo Rev. Robert

by jason maholy
Staff writer

As part of Family Weekend's festivities, Friends & Co., will be hosting two free shows featuring local talent Reverend Robert and Eastern's very own Toasted White Bread.

Well known and recognized locally as a phenomenal performer, Reverend Robert has performed at the annual Turkey Testicle Festival each of the past six years with his former band, the Reverend Robert Blues Band. He'll be playing his first solo Charleston show Friday at 10 p.m.

Described as a mixture of blues, jazz, folk and calypso, Rev. Robert said his sound is mainly a collaboration of 1920s and 1930s blues and jazz styles influenced by such legends as Robert Johnson and Louis Armstrong. He plays an old, all

metal guitar model made in the late 1920s and early 1930s that produces exceptional sound and loudness.

Reverend Robert said playing solo shows has been a much different experience than playing in a band, but he's been enjoying it all the same.

"I think people pay more attention to the songs and the lyrics than they do when there's a band playing, but I like it," the Reverend said.

Since he hasn't been performing solo for very long it's hard to tell what to expect from himself or the crowd, but Reverend Robert said he'll probably play familiar tunes and the show will be a good time for everybody.

Appearing Saturday at 9 p.m. will be Toasted White Bread, a.k.a. the Sean Salmon Quartet. The four current jazz studio majors from Eastern's excellent program will give what should be a high energy performance of jazz and funk.

Chris Cornell sings his way to mediocrity with new album

by daniel fitzgerald
Staff writer

"Euphoria Morning," Chris Cornell's first post-Soundgarden solo effort, is most certainly a singer's album.

The mixing so emphasizes the vocals that Cornell's pipes are omnipresent, even at times lilting and humming through the instrumental breaks. In fact, one hardly notices the band on this album.

The songs feel like glorified karaoke. (It doesn't help that a good deal of the melodies, hooks, and riffs have been lifted from master works in the classic rock canon most notably the Beatles "White Album.")

More troubling than this lack of originality is the wholesale vapidness of nearly every lyric in every song. Cornell's words read like bad undergraduate poetry. Striving for depth, his lines end up shallow and contrived: "Through oblivion I charge," "Gone are your dandelions falling like mine/Falling like daydream mangos." If "Euphoria Morning" is Cornell's attempt at top-notch singer-songwriterdom, it fails

miserably.

Perhaps the only thing that saves this album from being smashed vigorously with a mallet upon first listen is the slick, cheeseball production. The thing is just too likable.

Every bell and whistle available has been tossed in; underneath every guitar line is a whir or a chirp of some kind. However, multiple listens reveal this technique to be tedious and gimmicky.

In short, as readily accessible as this album is, it ultimately fails to engage the listener. No amount of studio trickery can make this record compelling.

Fundamentally, this album lacks any sort of cohesion. In trying to be something to everyone, Cornell has created a collection of forgettable songs that don't appear to adhere to any particular aesthetic. Overlong at 12 tracks, "Euphoria Morning" is terribly okay, a vanity project eclipsed by the very droning voice it is meant to showcase.

Chris Cornell
"Euphoria Morning"
A & M Records
★★



Chris Cornell is a dark and wet man ready to show you his "Euphoria Morning."

photo courtesy of A & M Records

What's up with downloading MP3 music

by christy kilgore
Associate Verge editor

Most people have heard of MP3s, the downloadable music for computers that's sweeping the nation like Pop Rocks and feathered hair. But what a lot of people don't know is exactly what MP3s are or how they can help the average computer user expand their music horizons.

Just about any genre of music from techno to rockabilly can be downloaded from somewhere on the Internet. So if your tastes run from the Jayhawks to N'Sync, some site has the MP3 song for you. After the necessary steps, you can listen to your own selection of music for your convenience.

For a big chunk of change—we're talking \$200 or so—portable MP3 players are available. They're typically smaller than a Discman or Walkman and they don't skip so you can jog to your content without fear of hearing that Britney Spears song on the radio or having your favorite CD skip all over the

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The cheaper, well, free, way to listen to MP3 music is on your home computer.

To listen to downloaded MP3 music on a computer, two things are needed: a music file and a player.

An MP3 player is simply a piece of software that allows you to play MP3-formatted songs on your Mac or PC. Lots of places have players available for download and the process is relatively simple, like any basic shareware program: download (wait, wait, wait, wait) and install.

The computer does need to have a sound card installed and a 486 or better processor to support most players like Winamp or MusicMatch, and of course speakers. It's recommended to download a player from a reliable site like Download.com, or MP3.com to avoid tempting fate and viruses.

The reason MP3s are popular now instead of downloading a typical RealAudio file or some other huge music file is because MP3 songs are compressed with-

out losing too much quality.

According to MP3.com, the approximate time it would take to download a CD-size file of the Beatles' song "Love Me Do" using a 56K modem is more than 40 minutes. With MP3 software and a 56K modem the same song would take under four minutes.

The legality of the MP3 is why some record companies are getting worried about the new music format. An MP3 song is legal for you to listen to and download if the record company has said it is available; then you can put the downloaded song on a CD for personal use legally. But you can't sell the CD or trade it.

You can imagine the world giving a big middle finger to that idea - people will probably make bootlegs of entire albums and sell them on the street for the price of a pack of cigarettes. If you were Mr. Record Company you would be worried, too.

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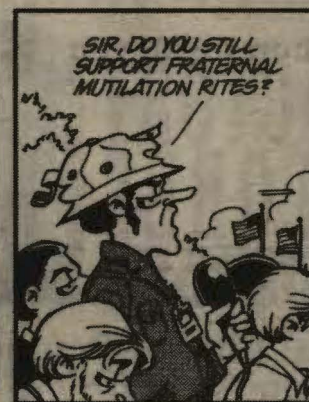
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If anyone has ever been to the celebrity mecca of the world, Los Angeles, they probably know the chances of an actual celebrity encounter is slim to none. More likely is a view of a famous driveway, provided courtesy of a map to the stars' homes.

John Cunningham of the cable access TV show "Driveways of the Rich and Famous" has taken this usually disappointing sight and turned it into a TV show featuring interviews with those who happen to be working at, or living near, the homes of the stars. The TV show has spawned an amusing and sometimes revealing Web site with insights from gardeners and housekeepers of our favorite demigods. And a choice few moments with actual celebrities show who is naughty (Madonna) and who is nice (Larry Flynt).

According to one delivery driver, Mary Tyler Moore is cheap. And Bill Gates' neighbor says he's a great guy.

"He's a short guy. A nice guy," says Cipeano, Billy Crystal's gardener.

Shocking, isn't it?

At the site you can read an interview with the guy who unclogs Regis Philbin's sink, and Siegfried and Roy's neighbor reveals that she has never seen tigers running free in the neighborhood.

The interviews are sometimes sweet and always funny. Cunningham asks simple questions resulting in real person answers that shows how having a celebrity in the neighborhood can affect the people around them.

In actual celebrity Q and A, movie stars are asked how they feel about their driveways.

Dixie Carter expunged for a whole paragraph about how much she loves her driveway. "I get this really terrific sense that everything is going to be all right when I go up my driveway," Carter said during Cunningham's interview.

An eye-opening visit with David Hasselhoff resulted in Cunningham being told promptly to "Get the f--- out of here." Who would've thought everyone's favorite lifeguard (and not to mention "Knight Rider") would be such a jerk?

The site also includes over 100 photos sans interviews of driveways belonging to the likes of Vanilla Ice and Gloria Estefan and some actual famous people like Nicolas Cage, Brad Pitt (is that his Land Rover? Who knows!) and Bill Cosby.

This site, which has been up for about 1 1/2 years, is a lighthearted look at celebrities that can actually make you remember that movie stars are real people, too. And sometimes they can make real jerks of themselves - remember that next time you feel insignificant.

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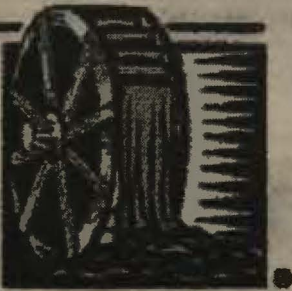
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